

21 Cornhill

Thursd. p.m.,

Dear Burleigh;

apt. 12-  
[1858]?

The printers this morn. recd.

3 parcels (I think 3) of proof from  
you, - at all events, all they were  
expecting; but the delay has been a  
sore inconvenience to them. So much  
matter had accumulated in type,  
(which they could not work off and  
distribute, and so use again) that  
their fonts were well nigh exhausted,  
and the work of composition on the  
Report was suspended <sup>for several days.</sup> If this  
sh<sup>d</sup>. occur again, they ~~fear~~ <sup>say</sup> they could  
not comply with our expectations as  
to getting off the Edition in season; -  
and they therefore desire, with your  
consent, some other arrangements to be  
made; and I have expressed my  
willingness to read the proof here, to



the best of my ability, and so  
enable them to proceed with  
their work without any loss of  
time. Prentiss says - "Even  
if no delay occurred, there  
seems to be no use in sending the  
proof so far; - for Mr. B.'s  
copy is so good, to begin with, that  
mistakes are scarcely possible;  
2<sup>d</sup>., we read here carefully by  
copy; - and, moreover, as a  
matter of fact, Mr. Partridge  
makes almost no corrections at  
all."

So herewith you have the  
case. If you say so, I, with  
what help I can get of Charles  
Whipple perhaps, will do my  
best <sup>to read the proof -</sup> - and thus, also, enable



You to give your undivided  
attention to the Report.

I wrote to you on Monday  
or Tuesday of this week,

Truly Yrs

Saml May Jr



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